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REQUEST FOR FILING A PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

Attorney Docket: 381NT/48610CO

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Box PATENT APPLICATION

December 21, 2001

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

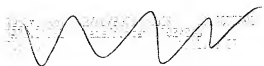
Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior application:

Serial No.: 09/499,627
Filed on: February 8, 2000
Of: Kenji NAKABAYASHI et al.
Entitled: IGNITION COIL FOR INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE
Examiner: A. DOLINAR
Group: 3747

- X 1. Accompanying this order is a true copy of the prior application as originally filed. Total pages 1-48 plus 13 sheets of formal drawings showing Figures 1-15.
- 2. New Formal drawings are being filed herewith consisting of — sheet(s), depicting Figures —.
- X 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney:
- a. — Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. X Copy from prior application (pages 1-4)
- i. — Deletion of Inventors - signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application
- X 4. Incorporation by Reference:

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 3b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.



- 5. Cancel original claims _____.
- 6. Small entity status:
- a. — A small entity statement is enclosed
- b. — A statement of small entity status (copy attached) was filed on ___ in the prior application and status as a small entity is still proper and desired.
- c. — Is no longer claimed
- X 7. The filing fee is calculated below:

**CLAIMS AS FILED, INCLUDING ANY CLAIMS
CANCELLED OR ADDED BY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Basic Fee					<u>\$370</u>	\$740.00
Total Claims	<u>13</u>	·	20	=	<u>0</u>	x 9 = \$ <u>18</u> = \$108.00
Ind. Claims	<u>6</u>	·	3	=	<u>3</u>	x 42 = \$ <u>84</u> = \$252.00
Multiple Dependent Claims				+	140	= \$ <u>280</u> = \$
				Total	\$ <u>1,100.00</u>	

- 8. Please charge my Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. ___) in the amount of \$___.
- X 9. A check in the amount of \$1,100.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.
- X 10. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required under 37 CFR 1.16 or 37 CFR 1.17 or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. 381NT/48610CO).
- X 11. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: --This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/499,627, filed February 8, 2000--.
- X 12. Priority of Appln. No(s). 11-030163, filed in Japan on February 8, 1999, is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. 119.
- X 13. A certified copy of each said priority document was filed in application Serial No. 09/499,627 on February 8, 2000.
- X 14. The prior application is assigned of record to Hitachi, Ltd. (Notice of Recordation and Attachments – 4 pages)

- X 15. The power of attorney in the prior application is to:

Herbert I. Cantor, Reg. No. 24,392; James F. McKeown, Reg. No. 25,406; Donald D. Evenson, Reg. No. 26,160; Joseph D. Evans, Reg. No. 26,269; Gary R. Edwards, Reg. No. 31,824; and Jeffrey D. Sanok, Reg. No. 32,169.

X a. The power appears in the original application papers in the prior application.

— b. Since the power does not appear in the original application papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.

— c. Attached is a duplicate of a Supplemental Declaration which was filed in the prior application to overcome informalities.

X d. Address all future correspondence to:

CROWELL & MORING, L.L.P.
Intellectual Property Group
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Washington, DC 20044-4300

- X 16. Forms PTO-892 and PTO-1449 listing prior art made of record in the prior application are attached. A copy of each of the listed references should be available in the prior application file.

- X 17. A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

- X 18. Return Receipt Postcard.

- 19. Other: _____

Respectfully submitted,



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